

CHAPTER

5



Hinowa ga CRUSH!

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BEING THE
CENTRAL
HUB OF THE
COUNTRY,
BOASTS THE
STRONGEST
MILITARY
STRENGTH.

**THE TENROU
NATION—**



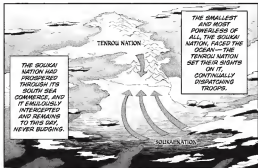
THE SEA
TO THE
SOUTH WAS
CONTROLLED
BY THE
BLACK LANE
NATION AND
NO SHIPS
COULD GET
THROUGH.

TENROU NATION

SOUKAI NATION

ONE WHO
THAT IT DIDN'T
POSSESS ANY
TERRITORY
SUITABLE FOR
ADVANCING
ONTO THE
OPEN SEA.

BUT
EVEN THE
TENROU
NATION
HAD ITS
WEAKNESS.



THE SOUKAI
NATION HAD
PROSPERED
THROUGH ITS
SOUTH SEA
COMMERCE,
AND IT
EMULOUSLY
INTERCEPTED
AND REMAINS
TO THIS DAY,
NEVER BUDGING.

TENROU NATION

SOUKAI NATION

THE SMALLEST
AND MOST
POWERLESS OF
ALL, THE SOUKAI
NATION, FACED THE
OCEAN—THE
TENROU NATION
SET THEIR SIGHTS
ON IT,
CONTINUALLY
DISPATCHING
TROOPS.



CHAPTER 5 THE FIGHT ON MT. KAGEBOSHI

Hinowa CRUSH!

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AT SEA BY NIGHT-
THEY'VE
RETURNED



THEY
AREN'T
LETTING
THE TENGU
ARMY
BURN
ANYWHERE
NEAR!

LORD
SAYON! THE
DEFENSE AT
SAGRANU
FORTRESS
IS FLAW-
LESS.



I GUESS
THE SOU-
KAI TAUGHT
THEM A
LESSON
ABOUT
NIGHT
BATTLES.

I THOUGHT
THEY'D MAKE
A SURPRISE
ATTACK FROM
THE OCEAN,
BUT IT'S ALL
QUIET OUT
HERE.



H
M
M
M
...

HOW
SHALL
WE
MOVE, NOW?
SHALL
WE
BE ON
STANDBY
ON THE
WATERS?



DON'T
LET
YOUR
GUARD
DOWN.

IF THEY
TAKE OVER
SAGRANU,
IT'S ALL
OVER.

SOURU
NATION
STRATE-
GIST

SWON



HEY!
GET
ME THE
USUAL!



I CAN'T
GRASP THE
FLASHES
OF GENIUS
UNLESS I
TRULY FEEL
ALIVE!

IT'S
NO
GOOD!

THIS
PEACEFUL
ATMO-
SPHERE
WON'T
DO!



A RAY...
THAT'LL
DO.



TODAY
WE HAVE
A RAY
INSTEAD
OF AN
OCTO-
PUS.

IT'S
ALL
READY
FOR
YOU!



RIGHT!
THAT'S
IT!!

RIGHT
NOW, I
FEEL...

...ALIVE!!



THE ENEMY
CHOSE A
PLAN THAT
INVOLVED
TRAVELLING
THROUGH A
PRECISE
BAST OF THE
FORTRESS!



THAT'S
IT! I'VE
GOT IT!



IT'S SCARY
HOW HIS
INSTRUCTIONS
ARE ALWAYS
CORRECT...

YES,
SIR!

LEAVE SOME
DEFENSES
HERE. THE
REST WILL
HEAD TO
MOUNT KASE-
BOUSHI



I WAS SO SURE
IT WAS THE
RIGHT CHOICE TO
STATION LORD
MARQUE ON THE
MOUNTAIN AS
DEFENSE.



AN
E-E-E-
ENEMY
ATTACK
IT
H-HOW
MANY
ARE
THERE? 

SOUND
ACTION
COM-
MANDER
MARQUE

I ALWAYS KNEW
BUT WASN'T THE
SHARPEST TOOL IN
THE SHED, BUT IT
SEEMS I SHOULD
RECONSIDER.



NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES!
THE ENEMY MUST BE ANNIHILATED!

YES, SIR!

WH-WHAT-EVER THE CASE, KEEP THEM AWAY!



IT'S LIKE THEY CAME RIGHT OUT OF THE MOUNTAIN ITSELF!

I DON'T KNOW, LORD MURDER!



MY LIFE BEING IN DANGER IS NOT GOOD AT ALL!



NOT GOOD AT ALL!

NOT GOOD, NOT GOOD...



I CAN'T BELIEVE THEY WOULD COME BY SUCH A DANGEROUS MOUNTAIN PASS!

WHAT IS THE ENEMY THINKING?

NOR THE FACT THAT I GOT SO SPOOKED I PISSED MY PANTS!









YOU
SAVED
ME,
SUZU-
MARU!



WE WERE A
LITTLE TOO
OPTIMISTIC
ABOUT IT...



WHAT A
FRIGHTFUL
SCENE AND
SMELL...
SO THIS
IS WHAT A
BATTLEFIELD
IS LIKE!



I KNOW
HOW YOU
FEEL! CALM
DOWN!

THEY'RE
STILL
TOO
CLOSE!

I'M
SORRY,
HINOWA!
I GOT
LOST IN
THOUGHT
THERE...!



HEY,
SUZU-
MARU!

DON'T
GET DIS-
TRACTED!!



...WHILE
WE HURRY
TO LORD
MURGE
UNIT!

LET'S
SUPPORT
OUR
FRIENDS
IN THEIR
FIGHTS...





I WAS
SUPPOSED
TO BE READY
TO FIGHT
FOR THE
PERSON
I LOVE.

I HAVE
TO KEEP IT
TOGETHER.



OOH.
YOUR
OBSERVATIONS
ARE ALWAYS
DEPENDABLE.

HINOKA,
LOOKING
AT THE
TENROU
SOLDIERS,
I REALIZED
SOMETHING.



A SUICIDE
CORPS
TRAVELING
THROUGH
THIS
DANGEROUS
MOUNTAIN
PASS...

THE
TENROU ARMY
MAY HAVE
CAPTURED
BANDITS AND
BROUGHT
THEM TO THE
BATTLEFIELD.

...I
DON'T
BELIEVE
THERE'S
THAT
MANY OF
THEM.



BUT THEIR
ACTIONS
LACK
DISCIPLINE.

THEY MOVE
WITH THE
SWIFTESS
OF WOLVES
ACCUSTOMED
TO THE
MOUNTAIN.



RIGHT.

I WONDER
IF MOUNTAIN
BANDITS ARE
INCLUDED
AMONG
THEIR
RANKS.











TAKE
CARE
OF THE
OTHERS.

I'M
FINE.

HI!
IS
A
M
E!



*I'M USED
TO THIS.*

THIS ISN'T AN
ORG. NEEZ
WAS BORN A
MOUNTAIN
MOUNTAIN.
I'M NOT
EACH OF US
INTERCEPTING
FREEFORM
WITHOUT
ANY REAL
DIRECTION.



THAT'S
MY
HISAME.



...TO EARN MY
SUCCESS!

I'LL CUT DOWN
ALL THESE
ENEMIES AND
PROTECT THE
COMMANDER...



I CAN SEE
FINE FROM
HERE. JUST
FINE FROM
HERE.



...OF
THE
KUME-
NACHI
LEGEND.

THIS
IS THE
BEGIN-
NING...







DON'T GET
COCKY AND
FORGET TO
CHECK YOUR
SURROUND-
INGS.
UNDERSTAND?



GAH?

HAH!!

HINOWA!



CAN
YOU SEE
TOWARD
FROM
HERE?



GOOD
GRIER

SORRY,
I GOT SO
INTO IT,
I WAS
CARELESS.



YES.



HINO-
WA.
ARE YOU
GOING
AROUND
AND
CHECKING
ON ALL
OF US?

.....



WE HAVE TO
FOCUS ON OUR
ENERGIES!



IT'S DIRE
OUT THERE. WE
UNDERESTIMATED
WHAT THE
BATTLEFIELD
COULD BE
LIKE.



EVEN
ON THE
BATTLE-
FIELD,
YOU'RE
STILL
HINOYA.



THE
ENEMY'S
DEFENSES
ARE TIGHT
AND NOT
LETTING
A SINGLE
OF OUR
NUMBER
THROUGH

YOMI-
YOMI-
GARGAI



EVEN IF THEY
HAVE SOLDIERS
ON THE DEFENSE,
I DIDN'T THINK
MUCH OF THEM.

I'VE
DISPATCHED
MY ENTIRE
FIRST UNIT
AT THIS
POINT.



I
SEE.



IT MUST MEAN
THEY PREDICTED
OUR STRATEGY OF
PASSING THROUGH
MOUNT KAGEBUSHI
TO GET BEHIND
SHIRANUI.

THAT'S
EXACTLY WHAT I
CALLED THE
FORCE OF
SHIRANUI
FORTRESS TO
DEPEND HERE.



TAKE
THAT!
AND THAT!
AND THAT!
GUTTA
MY WAY!
MOVE IT
OR LOSE
IT!



COMMAN-
DER!

WHERE'S
THE COM-
MANDER!!



YOU
SMALL
FRIES
!!







IMPRES-
SIVE, CONSID-
ERING
YOUR
WEAPONS
AREN'T
EVEN
MEIHOJI.

...A
COU-
PLE
OF
KIDS.

I WAS
WON-
DERING
WHO
WAS
CAUS-
ING
THIS
RIOT.













I'LL
SEND YOU
WHERE I
SENT YOUR
MOTHER.



GO AND
WALK...

...TO
HELL.

TO BE CONTINUED IN THE NEXT CHAPTER...

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